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TOPIC Military Information from Brandenburg.

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EVALUATION ☐ 25X1 PLACE OBTAINED ☐ 25X1

DATE OF CONTENT 29 September to 2 October 1952

DATE OBTAINED ☐ 25X1 DATE PREPARED 4 November 1952REFERENCES ☐ 25X1

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SOURCE

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1. During the period from 29 September to 2 October 1952, the Generalfeldwebelmeister Kaserne on Magdeburger Strasse, Brandenburg (N 53/2 23), was still occupied to capacity. At 6 a.m. on 29 September, source saw about 300 soldiers lined up for athletic activities and at 7 a.m., 78 officers appeared at the installation. The troops engaged in athletic activities from 8:30 to 10 a.m., received firing training in the barracks yard from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and, at 3 p.m., engaged in athletic contests, including a race. Source counted 667 soldiers. 25X1

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☐ a review involving 868 soldiers and about 50 officers was held between 8:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. on 30 September. The review was followed by athletic contests. On 30 September, and 1 and 2 October, 25X1 individual trucks, each transporting 2 to 4 officers and about 25 soldiers with trenching tools, left the installation in the direction of Flae. On 1 October, trucks ☐ transporting a total of 27 officers and 115 soldiers with signal equipment left the installation in the direction of Altstaedter Fahnhof. They were 25X1 followed later by truck ☐ which towed a small gun, carried 2 officers and 15 soldiers and proceeded in the same direction. At 7:30 a.m. on 2 October, 16 officers and 130 soldiers carrying signal equipment and armed with rifles marched out of the installation. Trucks ☐ carrying 15 officers and 95 soldiers armed with rifles and carrying practice targets left the installation at the same time. *

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2. During the period from 29 September to 2 October, source determined that the Flak Kaserne on Magdeburger Strasse was occupied only by an advance detail. Only some of the buildings of the installation which, on the previous day had been fully lighted, were lighted on and after 29 September. Source estimated that the installation quartered about 150 soldiers. On and after 30 September, 6 trucks shuttled boxes with billeting equipment and food to the installation. ☐

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* [] Comment. The information by source on the occupation of the Generalfeldzeugmeister Kaserne checks with previous information by the same and another source in late August 1952. [] It appears plausible that the bulk of the 12th Hvy How Arty Bn (CS) and other units of the 6th Arty Div believed stationed in the installation may have been at the post on 2 October.

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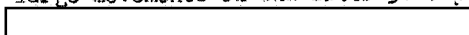
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** [] Comment. On 30 September, another source reported the unloading of the Flak Kaserne of two trains of the 3d GIs Army AT Arty Bn of the Third Shock Army and reported that, at that time, the installation was occupied almost to capacity. [] That information does not conflict with the present report inasmuch as it also contains large movements on and after 30 September. []

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